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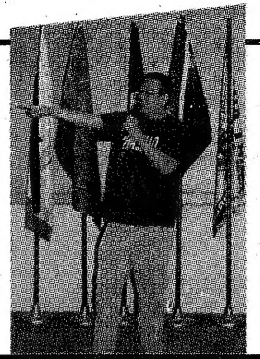
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Iowa Supreme Court rejects marriage ban

SCOTT STEWART
NEWS EDITOR

Gay couples looking to wed can no longer travel to San Francisco to get hitched, but Council Bluffs is a different matter.

On Friday, the Iowa Supreme Court unanimously overturned the state's statute that limited marriage to between a male and a female. The decision will allow same-sex couples to get married as soon as April 24.

"We are firmly convinced the exclusion of gay and lesbian people from the institution of civil marriage does not substantially further any important governmental objective," according to the court's decision. "The legislature has excluded a historically disfavored class of persons from a supremely important civil institution without a constitutionally sufficient justification."

The court cited the equal protection clause of the Iowa constitution, referencing decisions made by the court regarding emancipation, segregation and women's rights before they were decided on a national level.

"In each of those instances, our state approached a fork in the road towards fulfillment of our constitution's ideals and reaffirmed the 'absolute equality of all' persons before the as 'the very foundation principle of our government,'" according to the decision. "So, today, this court again faces an important issue that hinges on our definition of equal protection. This issue comes to us with the same importance as our landmark cases of the past."

University of Iowa law professor Ann Estin said the ruling is not surprising given Iowa's history of civil rights.

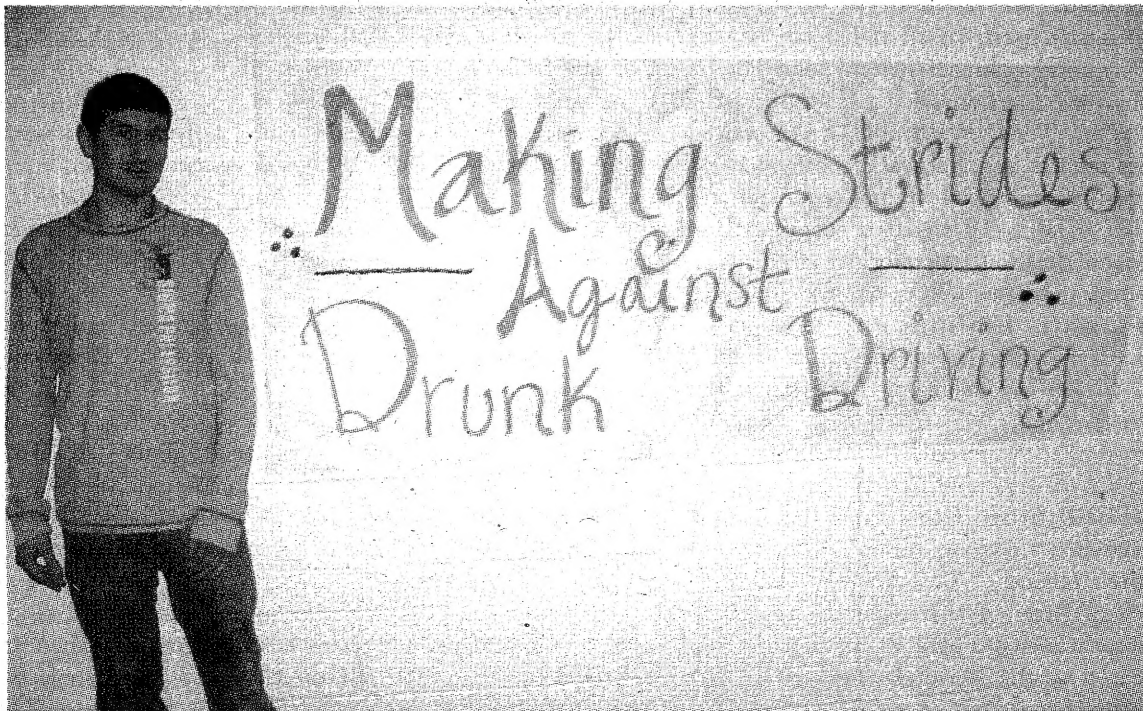
"I think a lot of people around the country will be surprised to see this ruling in Iowa," Estin said. "But the truth is, Iowa has a long history of being progressive on civil rights issues."

The ruling brings Iowa together with Connecticut and Massachusetts as the only three states to permit same-sex marriages. California had allowed same-sex marriages, but Proposition 8 repealed it in November.

Three other states — Vermont, New Hampshire and New Jersey — permit civil unions with the same rights and responsibilities as marriage, and legislation is being considered in all three states to permit full-fledged same-sex marriages.

Five more states — California, **SEE MARRIAGE: PAGE 5**

Campus holds fundraiser for student hit by drunken driver



Justin Reese was hit by a drunken driver and spent a month in a coma. He has since made a full recovery, and a fundraiser was held for his benefit on Sunday as part of UNO Greek Week. (TAYLOR MULLER/THE GATEWAY)

TAYLOR MULLER
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The UNO student who was hit by a drunken driver in September has since returned to classes and on Sunday was part of a scheduled fundraiser walk conducted as part of Greek Week.

Justin Reese, 20, was driving at the intersection of 84th and H streets at about 8 p.m. Sept. 12 when a driver struck the passenger side of Reese's car.

That driver, later charged with driving under the influence and causing serious bodily injury, had failed to stop at a stop sign. He impacted Reese's car and forced it through a parking lot and into a tree, according to the Nebraska State Patrol.

Reese was taken to the Nebraska Medical Center in critical condition. He then spent the next month in a coma.

A full recovery seemed impossible, with friends and family simply happy he was alive. In the following weeks, Reese said he asked himself "many times" what would have happened if he'd died that night.

Instead, Reese made an amazing return to health. He recovered from the coma after about a month, he said, and spent another month in physical therapy, rebuilding his body and mind.

The recovery period was expensive, and in support of their fellow fraternal member, the UNO Greeks organized a series of events for Reese as part of Greek Week.

The walk, planned for Sunday afternoon, was disrupted by the April snowfall that blew through the area early Sunday morning. However, the group of about 70 supporters shuffled out of the cold into the auditorium in

Eppley Administration Building.

There, Bob Schmill related the story of his son's encounter with a drunken driver.

Schmill's son Matt was killed when a drunken driver struck him as he crossed a street. The driver then fled the scene in order to avoid a DUI charge.

Because police were unable to prove the driver was under the influence, she was sentenced to two years in jail to be served concurrently.

"If you drink, do not drive," Reese said, echoing Schmill's cautionary tale. "Your family and friends will be supportive of that decision."

Throughout the week, donations will be accepted across campus, including at a Penny War and for a raffle. The winner will be announced Friday at the Greek Week Banquet.

Event co-organizer Nicole **SEE REESE: PAGE 4**

Hagel to give student forum this morning

SCOTT STEWART
NEWS EDITOR

Former U.S. Sen. Chuck Hagel will conduct a student forum focusing on public service and the role it plays among citizens and college students on Tuesday as part of his role as a visiting professor for the College of Public Affairs and Community Service.

Hagel will speak at 10 a.m. in the CPACS Building's Collaborating Commons. The forum will include a question-and-answer session, and it is free and open to the public.

Following the forum, at 11:30 a.m., Hagel will be inducted into the UNO circle of Omicron Delta Kappa, a national leadership honor society, during a luncheon at the Milo Bail Student Center Ballroom.

On Monday, Hagel was also scheduled to host an economic town hall meeting to provide a public forum for small business owners and individuals to ask questions and share opinions about federal efforts to stimulate the economy.

The panel was moderated by Larry Gomez, director of small business services with the Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce. The forum included Rep. Lee Terry, R-Neb; Rep. Sam Graves, R-Mo.; Ernie Goss, professor of economics at Creighton; Kenneth Kriz, professor of public administration at UNO; George Beattie, president of the Nebraska Bankers Association; and Robert Bernier, state director of the Nebraska Business Development Center.

"There's a lot of fear and anxiety out there right now," **SEE HAGEL: PAGE 4**

UNMC to bring science cafes to Omaha young professionals

SCOTT STEWART
NEWS EDITOR

The University of Nebraska Medical Center is launching a series of public conversations on scientific topics designed to reach out to young professionals in the Omaha community.

Science cafes take place in casual settings and invite the public to engage in face-to-face conversations with scientists in a comfortable environment. The Medical Center piloted the program in February with two cafes focused on neuroscience.

"This format leads to face-to-face discussions in a more

informal, fun environment," said Bob Bartee, vice chancellor for external affairs at UNMC. "We're hopeful that the science cafes will appeal to young adults and help re-introduce them to science."

Attendance at the cafes was better than anticipated, said Kacie Gerard, special events associate at UNMC. The first cafe drew about 80 people, and the second had close to 200.

The Medical Center will now sponsor a cafe on the first Tuesday of every month, beginning today at 7 p.m. at The Slowdown with Michael Feloney speaking on "The Science of Sex."

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Sanjay P. Singh, an associate professor in the Medical Center Department of Neurological Sciences, discusses how the brain works during a science cafe on Feb. 10 at The Slowdown. (ANDREW E. NELSON/UNMC)

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UFO study group invites students to join search

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With the popularity of shows like "Ghost Hunters" and other paranormal investigators, perhaps it can finally be said there's something for everyone here at UNO.

For years, UNO students have been given the option of extracurricular activities with other like-minded individuals in organizations such as Circle K or the Society of Women Engineers.

But what about students who have an interest in less traditional topics, perhaps in unexplained phenomena or close encounters of the third kind?

Now such a group exists, and faculty adviser Dave Pares and graduate student John Powers said they have big hopes for the future of the organization. The UFO Study Group started about six months ago, but just recently received recognition as an official campus organization.

Pares, an adjunct professor of geography and geology, said the group not only gives students an opportunity to discuss UFOs, but also allows for experts to gather with a vast range of expertise in various scientific fields, including geology, physics, history and cerealogy, the science of crop circles.

Pares has been interested in this phenomenon since he was 16-years-old. He's a member of the Omaha UFO Study Group and the Mutual UFO Network, a national group.

More recently, the History Channel interviewed Pares for his expertise regarding the disappearance of Flight 19, an airplane that disappeared in the Bermuda Triangle during World War II.

Pares and other members of the study group work as field investigators, collecting data such as soil or electrical samples in areas where UFO sightings are reported. The process of field investigation is a forensic-based method, similar to crime scene investigation.

Pares described marking the observation

site in a grid-shaped fashion by thoroughly examining and recording each small segment within the area.

"It's a very long-term commitment," Pares said. "It's something we just can't do overnight."

Sometimes, it can take years to go through the analysis and come to a conclusion, he said, if coming to a conclusion is possible.

For example, for more than a year, Pares has been working on a case that occurred three years ago in Jefferson County, Neb. He said he has an abundance of physical evidence from the area that needs to be analyzed.

Pares and Powers said they hope to offer interested UFO Study Group members the opportunity to indirectly train as field investigators by giving them the information needed to look at various phenomena from a rational, scientific perspective.

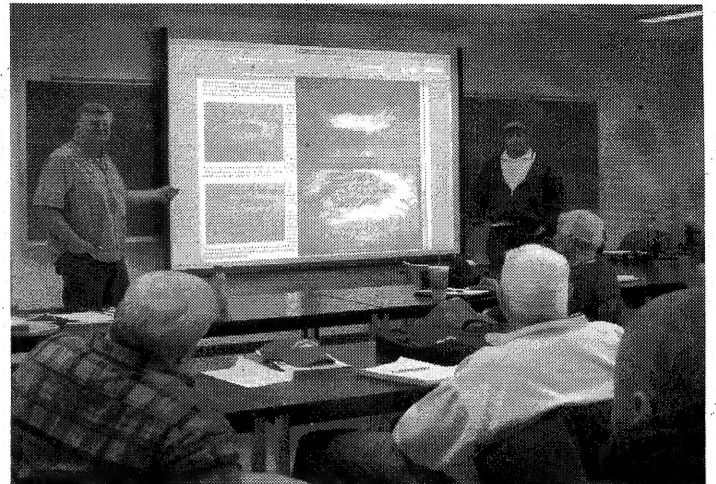
This can allow students to incorporate multiple fields of science while observing and investigating various sites.

The study group is a place that Pares and Powers strive to keep free from the social stigma associated with the topic. It's not uncommon for someone to be dismissed as being crazy or emotionally imbalanced if they come forward to say they've seen a UFO.

Although the group engages in a scientific approach to unexplained phenomena, its goal is to provide a comfortable atmosphere for anyone who may have had previous experiences they have been reluctant to reveal.

"It would be wrong to immediately dismiss someone who says they've seen a UFO because, in all reality, they did," Powers said. "They can not identify it. Whether you can or we can remain to be seen, but they did see something."

During a typical UFO Study Group meeting,



The campus UFO study group meets Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Durham Science Center. (CAITRIN SHIRAZI/THE GATEWAY)

Pares and Powers encourage members to bring up anything they are curious about or interested in. Powers then does an Internet search for that particular phenomenon to see what information is already available.

Afterwards, the group discusses the scientific factors pertaining to that particular phenomenon. The group also explores previous cases that might have been explained.

"We're offering a scientific look into accounts that have been recorded for years and to take some of these cases and to look at them to see what's really there," Pares said.

Although Pares and Powers use the Internet during the meetings, they remain skeptical of what's on the Web. The Internet is a source for all types of credible and incredible information when it comes to UFOs and other paranormal subjects.

"UFO is the second largest classification on the internet next to porn," Powers said. "There's just hundreds of thousands of entries."

The UFO study group meets every Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Durham Science Center Room 285. Those who plan to attend are asked to bring their skepticism but to leave their criticism at the door.

School of Communication wins university-wide award

SCOTT STEWART
NEWS EDITOR

The UNO School of Communication will receive the University of Nebraska Departmental Teaching Award in recognition of the unique and significant contribution to teaching made by the school.

"This award recognizes the collective accomplishments of an entire department or school, and the School of Communication is a deserving recipient," said NU President James B. Milliken. "This school demonstrates commitment to the finest in teaching, as well as commitment to serving the Omaha community and the entire state of Nebraska."

The School of Communication offers undergraduate programs in broadcasting, journalism and speech communication as well as a nationally recognized master's program in communication.

The largest academic unit of the College of Communication, Fine Arts and Media, the school has more than 600 students majoring in its undergraduate and graduate programs. It also has a number of interdisciplinary partnerships across the campus, including programs in business, education and public affairs.

The school will receive the award at a ceremony on April 27 at the Thompson Alumni Center.

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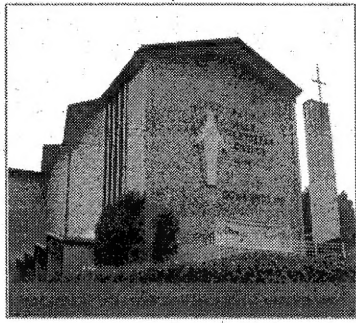
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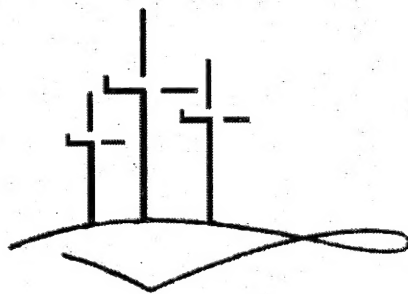
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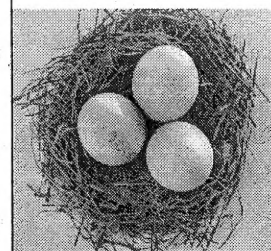
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Death shows college students' rights often at odds with parents' rights

MARA ROSE WILLIAMS
MCCLEACHY NEWSPAPERS

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (MCT) – Before University of Kansas student Jason Wren died, reportedly after a night of binge drinking, records describing his violations of dormitory alcohol policies were off-limits to his parents.

After the 19-year-old's death, KU turned over the records.

Jay Wren says before his son's death he begged for a description of his behavior in the dormitory, and was told those records were protected by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, or FERPA, which shields student grades, health and behavior information.

The federal law and the way universities interpret it often pit students' right to privacy against what some parents deem as their right to know.

How schools interpret the law differs. For example, Kansas State University tells parents about underage drinking. KU does not.

"There is no national evidence that parental notification makes a difference," said Marlesa Roney, vice provost for student success at KU.

Some students say they want to take responsibility for their lives and learn from their mistakes. Others want their parents to know what's going on.

College Parents of America recently began pushing schools to share more about their underage students with parents.

"The law does leave a great deal of interpretation to colleges and universities," said Jim Boyle, the group's president. "I believe they should use their interpretation to better inform parents about their son or daughter, and not use FERPA as an excuse to withhold information."

Wren, who knew that his son drank alcohol even in high school, said he would

have pulled Jason out of KU if he'd known about the repeated alcohol and behavior infractions that led to his son being kicked out of Oliver Hall and barred from even visiting it.

He said that according to the records he recently received, his son was caught with alcohol at least twice in Oliver, put on probation and warned that his residence hall contract was in danger of being terminated. His son also was reprimanded for delays in taking an online alcohol education course and going to a one-on-one counseling session – a mandatory penalty for violating campus alcohol policies.

"They need to let parents know," said Wren, who lives in Littleton, Colo. "If they had let us know all of this, we could have sat down with him. I would have pulled him out to get him back here where we could keep an eye on him. We would have made him live at home."

Jason, a prebusiness major, died March 8 in a KU fraternity house nearly two weeks after being kicked out of his dormitory. He was found dead on his bed at the Sigma Alpha Epsilon house off campus after a night of drinking margaritas, beer and whiskey. Lawrence police have not received autopsy results.

Wren said his son told him he was kicked out of the dormitory after a few cans of beer were found in his room. Jason said he was holding the beer for a friend, his father said.

He said he didn't learn the severity of the violations until he visited KU for his son's memorial service. The dormitory violations were a clear sign that his son had an alcohol problem, he said.

Wren said he had talked to a lawyer to help him sort out the events leading up to his son's death. He has pleaded with the fraternity's local leaders to dry out the fraternity house, which is private and not subject to university policy.

Brandon E. Weghorst, national Sigma Alpha Epsilon spokesman, said Wren's plea "is being seriously considered."

National statistics indicate alcohol will kill thousands of underage drinkers this year. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that nearly 5,000 underage deaths each year are caused by excessive alcohol use.

And the most severe drinking problems begin during the teenage years. The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism reports that Americans who begin drinking before the age of 15 are four times more likely to develop alcohol dependence than those who wait until age 21, and that the onset of alcohol dependence peaks by age 18.

FERPA applies to any educational agency or institution that receives funds administered by the U.S. Education Department, including all public K-12 school districts and nearly all higher education institutions, public or private.

The law does allow institutions to disclose student information to parents in emergencies.

A year after a mentally troubled student shot and killed 32 people and himself at Virginia Tech in April 2007, FERPA changed the definition of an emergency situation from an "extreme situation" to a "significant threat to the health or safety of the student or other individuals."

The law gives universities permission to inform parents, but it doesn't require information be disclosed to anyone except the student, Roney said.

KU chooses not to inform parents unless the student asks the school to do so. Students can sign waivers authorizing the university to release information to their parents.

"Jason had not signed this authorization," Roney said.

KU thinks its policy promotes student independence and responsibility.

K-State has taken a different approach.

Last year K-State changed its policy on student privacy to notify parents of students younger than 21 after a second alcohol or controlled-substance violation.

Eric Swink, registrar at the University of Missouri-Kansas City, said it and the three other University of Missouri campuses would contact parents if a school determined students were a danger to themselves or others, or in medical emergencies. What constitutes danger or an emergency is determined by campus officials.

"FERPA allows us to make contact

with the parents as we deem appropriate," Swink said.

In the case of underage drinking, UMKC – a dry campus like KU, K-State and Missouri State University – has an on-campus judicial process that is followed with a mandatory online education program and counseling. The cost and length of the program escalates for the student after the first offense.

"My frustration is the expectation that coming to college will cure all ills related to alcohol," Swink said. "I don't know that we are unique, but our students are not coming to campus and for the first time picking up alcohol. Sometimes mom and dad had been their suppliers."

Ask UMKC students whether a student's records should be disclosed to parents, and the answers are mixed. Some say their information should not be revealed to parents under any circumstances. Others say parents should have access to all student information. Some want parents to know some things but not everything.

"Student privacy is really important," said John Osredker, 20, a psychology major from Leawood, Kan.

"I think the FERPA law adds a little autonomy to student life. It lets students feel like they are on their own. It lets them get used to living in the real world."

Tony VanTrece, a 24-year-old political science major from Kansas City, said: "Parents should be allowed to know what their student is doing in college, especially if they are paying for it. I don't think it is an invasion of privacy if it's a parent."

But several students said the issue was complicated.

Richard Thompson, 23, of Overland Park, Kan., suggested that if parents wanted to know about students they should ask their children.

"It is not the school's responsibility to report bad behavior to parents," said Katelyn Sohl, a 20-year-old theater major from Overland Park.

But what if the student is in danger?

"I think the university has a right to hide some things like grades, but health, alcohol and drug problems – parents have the right to know," said Haley Wulf, 19, of Farmington, Mo., a biology major who said she signed a waiver allowing the university to release information to her parents.

Nicole Adkins, 19, of Raymore, Mo., signed the waiver, too.

"It's my life and my time to make mistakes," she said, "but a lot of students do look to their parents to keep them safe even if they are away from home."

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Morrison said about \$700 had been collected so far. All proceeds from the events will be donated to Reese's family to help defray his medical costs.

Reese suffered from short-term memory loss due to the head trauma, but returned to classes this semester. In December, he did not anticipate returning to UNO until at least the fall semester.

Reese is currently enrolled in weight-training and Native American studies. He

said the return to classes and the UNO campus has been nice.

Reese still dreams of being a physical therapist, an occupation he was pursuing before the crash, he said.

Individuals or organizations wishing to donate to Reese's medical bills can deliver checks to Greek Adviser Kelli Vomack in the Student Organizations and Leadership Program offices in the Milo Bail Student Center.

FROM HAGEL: PAGE 1

Terry said in a statement. "Now is the time to give local businesses the tools they need to reignite the nation's economy. Small business owners, self-employed individuals and entrepreneurs are the life-blood of economic growth and job creation across our country."

Hagel received a special appointment as a Distinguished Centennial Visiting Professor earlier this year. He earned a bachelor of general studies degree from UNO in 1971 and served in the U.S. Senate from 1996 through 2008.



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Dallas businessman gives \$1 million gift to establish scholarships at UNO

SCOTT STEWART
NEWS EDITOR

An UNO alumnus made a \$1 million gift to the University of Nebraska Foundation last month to create full-tuition scholarships for students in Nebraska and western Iowa who otherwise could not afford to attend college.

Edward Pechar, a 1963 graduate of then-Municipal University of Omaha, established the scholarships for students who need financial assistance but are ineligible for federal Pell grants.

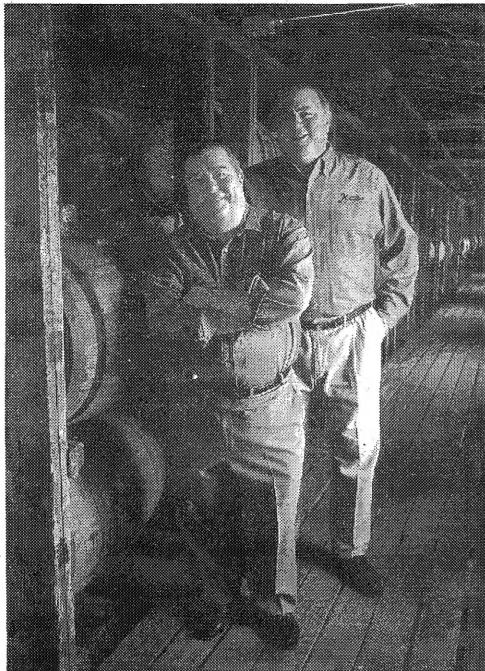
Currently, more than 75 percent of UNO's 15,000 students apply for financial aid, of whom only 25 percent are eligible for Pell grants, leaving the rest seeking other forms of assistance.

"Financial stress is a huge problem today and without scholarship assistance many deserving students may not be able to attend college," Pechar said. "I want to help change that."

Chancellor John Christensen said the university is extremely grateful for Pechar's compassion and generosity with the gift.

"The university remains concerned about a critical segment of students, many of them first generation college students, who are struggling to afford a college education," Christensen said. "These scholarships will make a difference in the lives of those students who receive this assistance and to the university in making a college education accessible to a broader group of students."

Pechar is owner and chairman of McCormick Distilling Company Inc., located in Weston, Mo., with offices in Dallas. A first generation college student, Pechar graduated from the university with a bachelor's degree in speech communication.



Ed Pechar, left, and Mike Griesser, a former business partner, pose for a photo at McCormick Distillery in Weston, Mo., which Pechar and Griesser purchased in 1993. (COURTESY UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS)

After serving in the Air Force, Pechar went on to earn a law degree from the Salmon P. Chase College of Law and was admitted to the Ohio State Bar in 1972. He has spent the last 40 years working as a business executive in the liquor industry.

Pechar credits much of his professional success to UNO and said giving back to his alma mater made sense at this point in his life.

"I gained so much when I was a student at Omaha University. The faculty was remarkable, and I have nothing but good memories," Pechar said. "I recently returned to campus and couldn't believe what I saw. The progress UNO has made is amazing."

FROM MARRIAGE: PAGE 1

Hawaii, Maine, Oregon and Washington — as well as the District of Columbia have domestic partnerships or other arrangements giving some rights to same-sex couples.

Twenty-nine states have constitutional amendments banning same-sex marriages: Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Georgia, Florida, Idaho, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia and Wisconsin.

The ruling produced mixed reactions across Iowa and the rest of the nation.

"Today's victory is a testament to the strength of love, hope and courage — our clients have shown an abundance of all three for many years and now at long last they will be able to marry," said Camilla Taylor, senior staff attorney for Lambda Legal Defense, who represented the 12 Iowans who brought the suit.

On the other side of the issue, Rep. Steve King, R-Iowa, issued a statement condemning the Supreme Court as activist judges and calling for their resignations.

"Now it is the Iowa legislature's responsibility to pass the Marriage Amendment to the Iowa Constitution, clarifying that marriage is between

one man and one woman, to give the power that the Supreme Court has arrogated to itself back to the people of Iowa," King said.

"Along with a constitutional amendment, the legislature must also enact marriage license residency requirements so that Iowa does not become the gay marriage Mecca

due to the Supreme Court's latest experiment in social engineering."

Couples from across the country are expected to travel to Iowa starting later this month to get married, according to research conducted by the Williams Institute at the University of California in Los Angeles.

In an April 2008 report, the institute estimated 57,640 same-sex couples would be married in Iowa, including 2,917 couples from Iowa itself and 997 couples from Nebraska.

Overall, the institute estimates allowing same-sex marriage will generate an additional \$5.3 million annually for Iowa, adjusting for taxes, public assistance, benefits and other economic considerations that go along with the ruling.

Caitie Wegener, president of UNO Queers and Allies, said Iowa has generally been progressive and she doesn't foresee the state reversing the decision, although she is still concerned.

"I was really worried about whether there'd be an appeal and it would be like California all over again," Wegener said. "I really think that this is going to stick. At least, I hope so."

Wegener said everyone should be afforded the same legal rights and opportunities for self-determination.

"I think that with every generation that passes, marriage is constantly being redefined and transforming into something different," Wegener said. "If it stayed the same, we'd still be living in the 1700s."

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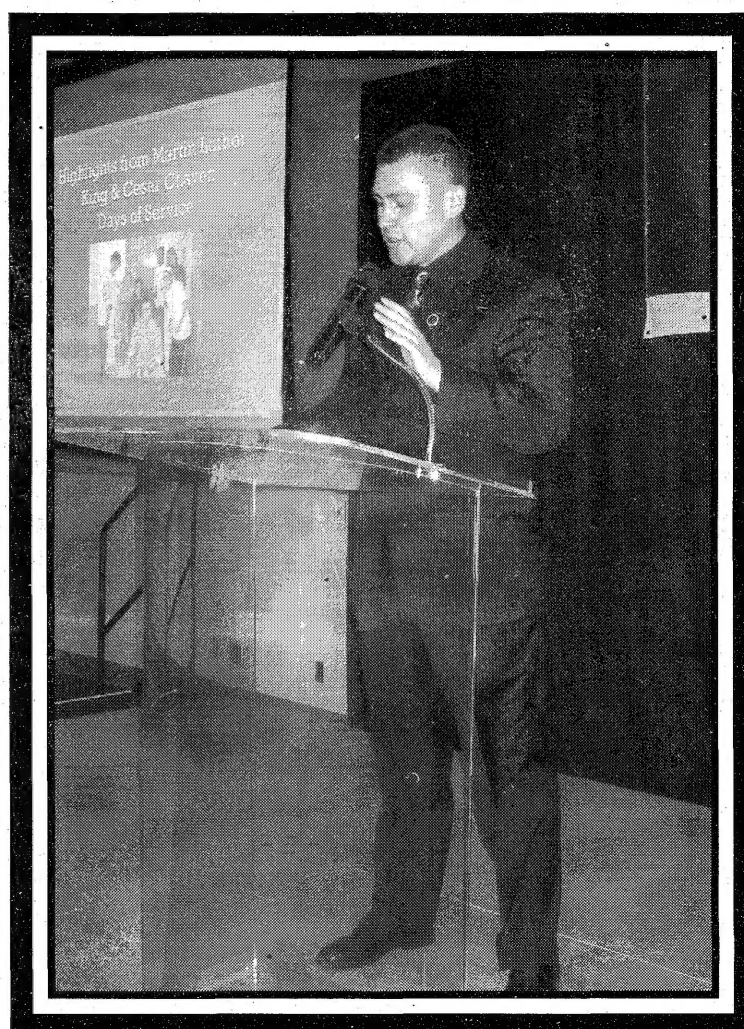
Roger Garcia

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Roger Garcia is the embodiment of servant leadership, believing strongly in not only his own abilities but also in creating opportunities for up and coming student leaders. Roger has led or been a member of many campus organizations, has started two successful organizations during his tenure, volunteered countless hours in the community, and been a mentor to others. He is never at a loss for a new idea and seeks out feedback and ways he can improve his skills. He is also never without a smile and a greeting, even when he has many things on his plate.

Roger is the current Director of the student Government Agency, American Multicultural Student Services. A quote from Cesar Chavez that well represents Rogers is as follows, "We cannot seek achievement for ourselves and forget about progress and prosperity for our community...Our ambitions must be broad enough to include the aspirations and needs of others, for their sakes and for our own."



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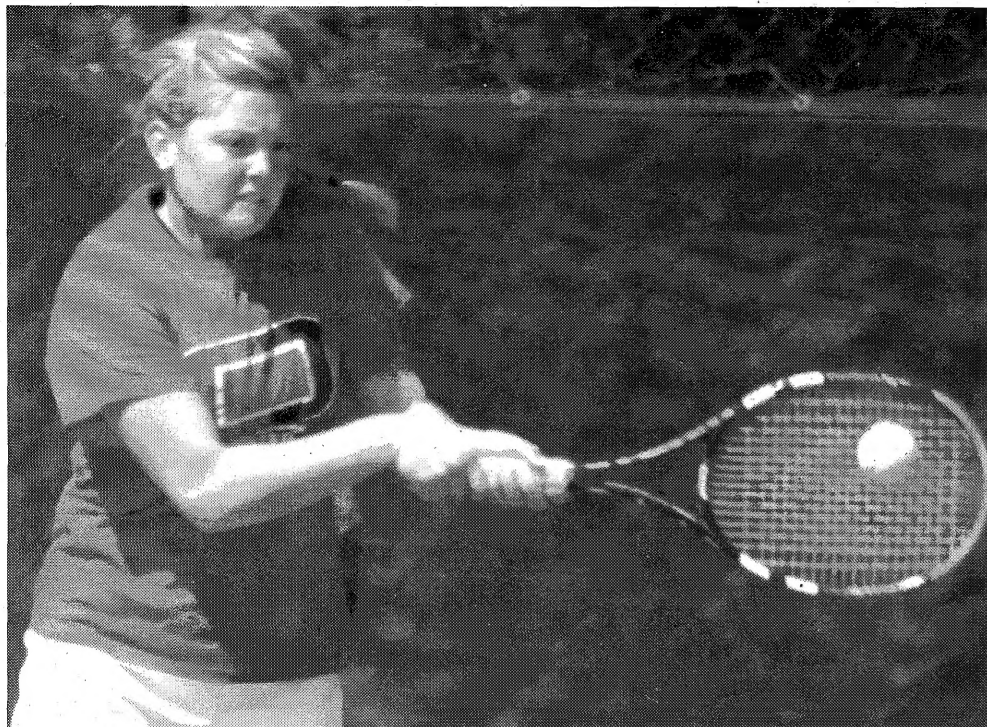
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Traci Moklestad backswings the ball during Friday's match. (JODI PENN/THE GATEWAY)

Women's tennis faces tough D-I, conference foes in recent action

TAYLOR MULLER
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The women's tennis team came within one point of securing the program's first win against Washburn University since 2005. The dual ended 5-4 with the Mavs falling to the Ichabods Friday at the Koch Tennis Center, despite several close sets.

The Mavs also split a pair of matches, losing 7-0 to Creighton University and sweeping Missouri Western.

The women had been scheduled to play Doane College on March 27 and Emporia State on Saturday, but rain postponed those

two home games. The Emporia match has been rescheduled for April 18 at UNO. The rescheduled time for the Doane match has not been announced.

Last Friday UNO shutout Missouri Western State in straight sets 9-0 in St. Joseph, Mo. The shutout was the third the Mavs have served up this season.

The No. 1 doubles team of freshman Traci Moklestad and senior team captain Rachel Faulk took their No. 1 doubles win, 8-3, over Laura Rutten and Dominique Leone of Missouri Western State.

Singles play was full of firsts, with first

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Men's tennis plays on, despite rainouts

TAYLOR MULLER
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Two of the men's tennis matches were postponed this last week due to rain, but two of the scheduled matches proceeded as planned.

On Thursday, the men faced Concordia University. The 6-3 final score did not represent the difficulty of the match, said team co-captain Chase Petersen.

"Concordia was definitely one of our tough matches," he said. "There were three sets that could have swung either way."

At No. 1 singles, UNO senior Marcus Hansen battled for the tie-breaking set after coming back 7-6 in the second set. However, he ultimately fell 10-5 in the tie-breaker.

No. 4 singles was also a tightly contested battle, with UNO freshman Jon McQuistan shutting down a second set comeback to win 6-2, 6-7 and 6-1.

Two of the three doubles matches were Maverick wins. Hansen and McQuistan were under pressure at No. 1 but managed to stave off Concordia in an 8-6 win.

Petersen and freshman Matt Frost secured another UNO win at No. 2 doubles, smashing Concordia 8-1.

"It looks like we walked over them, but there were tight matches," Petersen said. "This time we stepped up, we wanted it. One of our better moments and defeated a team that was on our level."

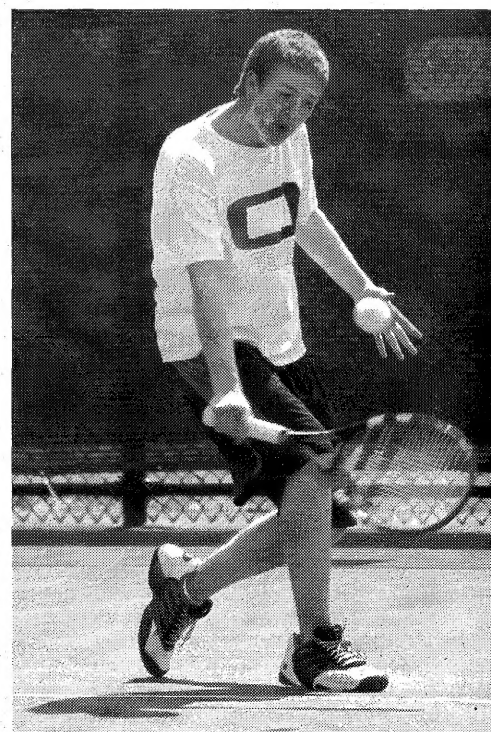
Concordia left Omaha having dropped to 5-3. The Mavs evened out their record to improve to 5-5.

However, the Mavs' balanced record was upended the very next day, as they hosted Washburn in their second

conference match. The Ichabods delivered a shutout 9-0 in straight sets as the Mavs scrambled to earn a point.

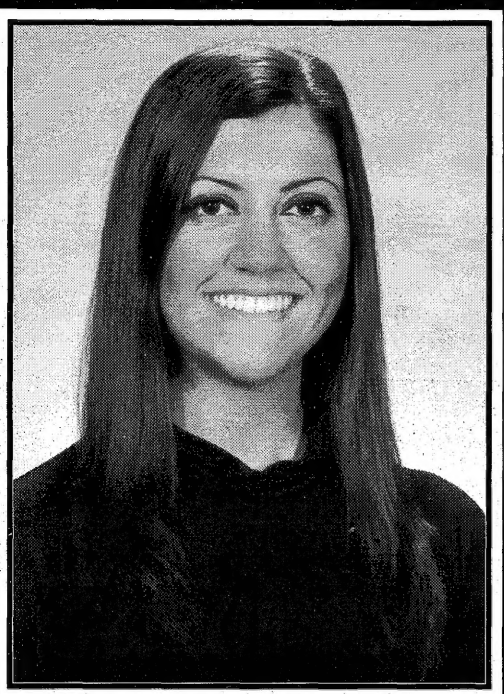
The No. 1 doubles team of Hansen and McQuistan joined again, this time almost securing a lone UNO point, but lost in a close 9-8 set.

The Mavs dropped to 5-6 overall, 0-2 in the MIAA. The match on Saturday against Emporia State was postponed due to wet weather. The duals will be made up April 18 at 1 p.m. at the Koch Tennis Center. The men will next face Truman State Saturday at 10 a.m. in Kirksville, Mo.



Matt Frost returns a serve during Friday's match. Frost lost 4-6, 1-6 to Branden Joost of Washburn, after winning against Concordia Thursday. (JODI PENN/THE GATEWAY)

Congratulations!



Nicole Massara

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Nicole Massara embraced opportunity while attending UNO. Her campus involvement started her freshman year and kept rolling forward. She has been the president of her sorority and the Panhellenic Council; inducted into two leadership honoraries; served on both the library and selection committees for the vice chancellor of business and finance; and worked as a campus orientation leader, UNO Ambassador and UNO Matador.

She says her university experiences have helped her grow as a person and develop poise and self-confidence. Massara has majored in marketing with a minor in real estate and has earned a place on the dean's list for multiple semesters. A nomination letter describes her as "articulate . . . (and someone who) stands up for what she believes in, and has a great sense of humor."

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Mav baseball still red hot from spring break

MARCUS HANSEN
CONTRIBUTOR

In the first season in the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association, the Maverick baseball team has done their fair share of traveling. The Mavs recently returned home to play just their second and third home series of the season.

UNO continues to dominate on its home field. Recently, the Mavs swept four games from Pittsburg State and went on to claim a doubleheader sweep from Missouri Western on Wednesday.

Over the weekend, UNO hit the road to face Truman State and returned with three wins in four games.

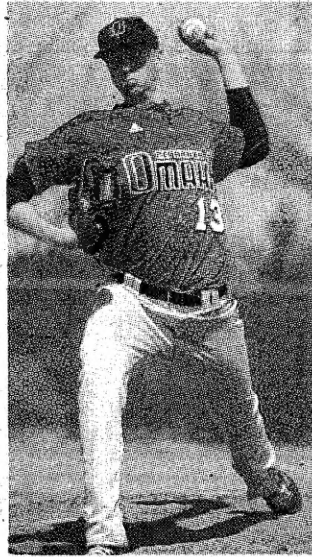
Coach Bob Herold's squad is now 29-10 overall and 19-5 in the MIAA, good for second in the

conference, and ranked 19th in the nation.

"We are still not hitting as well as we should be, but we're doing good for being in a new conference I guess," Herold said.

The Mavs won both doubleheaders convincingly against Pittsburg State March 28-29. Herold and the starting pitchers for the Mavs decided that the relief pitchers would stay on the bench.

Senior starting pitcher Chris Kessinger improved to 4-2 on March 28 after a bases-



loaded strikeout to win the first game for the Mavs. Senior Ben Percival responded with a gem of his own in the second game. Percival attained a season high 13 strikeouts, giving up one walk and one earned run.

Freshman Joe Holtmeyer won game one on March 29 in a shutout. Senior Kyle Dahman followed Holtmeyer's performance by only giving up two runs in a complete nine-inning game.

On the offensive side, senior shortstop Evan Porter and junior second baseman Andrew Hansen are still leading the team in most of the offensive categories. Porter is batting .402 and Hansen .405 on the year, and both are team leaders in RBIs.

Tom Schmidt picked up the win in relief during the first game against Missouri Western on Wednesday. (Jodi Penn/The Gateway)

"Evan is a four year starter, captain and the glue of our team" Herold said.

To start April, the Mavs kept their winning streak alive and remained undefeated home. UNO swept Missouri Western in a doubleheader at Dodson Field on Wednesday.

Sophomore relief pitcher Tom Schmidt picked up the win for the Mavs after coming in the fourth inning. Schmidt allowed two runs but shut the Griffons down in the top of the seventh.

In game two, the Mavs were down two runs coming to the plate in the bottom of the eighth. Porter drew a walk on four straight pitches to start the inning. After a few hits and strikeouts, the bases were loaded with two outs as senior Brian Goliber stepped to the plate.

Missouri Western pitcher A.J. Huttenlocker left a curve ball hanging to Goliber, who hit a bomb to dead left center. The Griffons' center fielder made a full extension diving attempt to catch the ball on the warning track, but was unable to hold onto it. All three base runners scored, giving the Mavs a one run lead.

Senior Mark Johnson came in the top of the ninth for a three-up, three-down inning to get the save and keep UNO's undefeated home stand in tact.

However, all news had not been good news for the Mavs. Junior left-handed pitcher Adam Versendaal tore his UCL. He underwent season ending surgery on April 2nd.

"I'm very optimistic about my recovery and next year I plan on being healthier than ever" Versendaal said.

The Mavs return to action on Friday when they begin a four-game series with Northwest Missouri State at Maryville, Mo.

The Mavs return to Dodson Field at Boys Town on April 17th to take on Fort Hays State for a three-day home series.

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Softball starts MIAA play with two doubleheader splits

MICHELLE BISHOP
SPORTS & PHOTO EDITOR

UNO opened the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association portion of its schedule by splitting a pair of doubleheaders against Emporia State and Washburn over the weekend.

On Friday, the 22nd-ranked Mavs rallied to win the opener 8-6, but dropped the nightcap 4-2, to Emporia State at Claussen-Westgate Field.

UNO fell behind early in the first game. A two-run home run in the first inning and two more runs in the third put the Hornets up 4-0. But the Mavs responded with two runs in the bottom of the third when freshman Katelyn Hinton hit a two-run homer.

The Mavs grabbed the lead for good in the fourth with four runs off five hits. Senior Amanda Bader started off the scoring by crushing a solo homer, junior Kristi Meneely hit an RBI double, Hinton followed with an RBI triple and junior Treightin Yates hit an RBI single to left field.

"That was huge," junior Jenna Dell said. "We got down 4-0 and came back. It felt amazing, it was good to come back and beat them."

Sophomore Beth Haley started the game and allowed six runs off seven hits through the first five and one-third innings. Sophomore Lindsey Slocum earned her first save of the season.

In the second game the Hornets rallied for the win.

UNO jumped ahead 1-0 in the second inning but the Hornets tied the score in the third on a solo homer. Emporia added one more in the sixth and two in the seventh to take a 4-1 lead.

The Mavs scored one in the seventh when Yates scored on an error. UNO had the tying runs on second and third with two outs but couldn't get any closer.

Junior Melissa Negrete started for UNO and picked up the loss after allowing three runs on seven hits with three strikeouts and two walks. Slocum pitched the final two innings, allowing a hit and a run.

On Saturday, UNO suffered its first two-game losing streak of the year with a loss in the opening game against Washburn.

The Lady Blues scored six runs in the fourth inning off five hits to take a 6-0 lead in game one. UNO responded with three runs in a rainy fifth inning where the Lady Blues threw three wild pitches.

Washburn was able to quiet the UNO bats as only one runner reached base in the final two innings. The Lady Blues added

three runs in the top of the seventh to take the first game 11-4.

Haley started in the circle for the Mavs and allowed six runs off seven hits with a pair of strikeouts. Slocum pitched the final three and two-thirds innings, allowing five runs off seven hits with six strikeouts.

The Mavs bounced back in the second game to win 1-0. UNO needed just one hit and one run to salvage a split of the series.

Freshman Molly Feichtinger led off the third inning with a walk and then advanced to second on Slocum's sacrifice bunt. Feichtinger moved to third on a grounder and then scored on a wild pitch for the game's only run.

UNO's only hit of the game was a double by Feichtinger in the first inning.

Negrete earned the win to improve to 10-3. Negrete allowed three hits with seven strikeouts and a walk.

Washburn stranded two runners in the fourth after a leadoff double and then in the seventh inning two runners reached on a hit and an error, but Negrete ended the game with a strikeout.

UNO improved to 26-7 overall and 2-2 in the MIAA.

Before this weekend, the Mavs swept a nonconference doubleheader at Nebraska-Kearney on Wednesday.

UNO beat the Lopers 7-4 in game one and 7-1 in game two.

In the first game, UNO went up 1-0 in the second inning when Dell singled and then sophomore Ashley Lynch, who pinch ran for her, scored on an error.

The Mavs scored two runs in each of the fourth, fifth and sixth innings. Yates and junior Julia Krejci had back-to-back homers in the fifth and Feichtinger hit a two-run single in the sixth.

Haley picked up the win with the complete game. She allowed four runs off six hits with five strikeouts.



UNO's Emma Wright safely takes first as the throw pulls Emporia State's Jennifer Dace off first base during game two on Friday. In the background, Treightin Yates rounds third to score on the play. (MICHELLE BISHOP/THE GATEWAY)

In game two, the Maverick bats exploded for 16 hits. Dell hit a two-run home run in the seventh inning of game two, giving UNO a 3-1 lead.

Dell finished 2-for-4 in game two, while junior Kristin Wellwood and Yates each finished with three hits.

"Our bats really came alive," Dell said. "We hit the ball really well, our second game we had 16 hits. We all came together, put our

swings together and we won."

Negrete earned the win, allowing eight hits with two strikeouts and a walk.

UNO now hits the road for a doubleheader against Northwest Missouri State today at 2 p.m.

The Mavs return home to face Upper Iowa Wednesday. First pitch for the doubleheader is set for 3 p.m. at Claussen-Westgate Field.



Freshman Katelyn Hinton takes a cut at the ball during game two against Emporia State on Friday. (MICHELLE BISHOP/THE GATEWAY)



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Inaugural UNO Pride Week success for GSO agency

DANIELLE SHERMAN & ANDREA BARBE
CONTRIBUTOR & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Last week, one UNO organization strove to reach out to students, faculty and staff about sexual, religious and racial issues, as well as carry out the message of understanding and tolerance for all types of people.

The Gender and Sexual Orientation student agency, or GSO, hosted UNO's first Pride Week March 30 through April 2. GSO hosted a week full of education, inspiration and fun activities to show support for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and Intersexed (LGBTQI) community. Supporters included Multicultural Affairs, Inter-Tribal Agency, College Democrats and Safe Space Ally Training.

The week's events kicked off with a pride rally on March 30. Panel discussions were also held throughout the week on topics like racism, homophobia, religion and the LGBTQI community. Comedian Charlie Ballard also made an appearance.

GSO director and UNO graduate student Ejay Jack was satisfied with how the



Comedian Charlie Ballard performs during Pride Week events sponsored by GSO. (MIKE BELL/THE GATEWAY)

week went.

"Myself and the GSO advisory board, made up of a diverse group of eight people,

decided to work on celebrating diversity," Jack said. "We, GSO, are interested in working with other diverse groups on campus and dialoguing about cross-sectional oppression that faces all of us."

GSO advisory board member Caitie Wegener, along with Jack and other GSO members, helped organize the activities.

"We wanted to invite people to come learn about gay, lesbian and transgendered history and have a good time," Wegener said.

In addition, the week included film screenings about gay marriage, fighting AIDS and LGBTQI history.

Movies included "Screaming Queens" and "Fight Back, Fight AIDS: 15 Years of ACT UP," a well-known documentary about AIDS and HIV activism by

James Wentzy.

"The last movie we showed, which

was my favorite, was 'Screaming Queens,'" Wegener said. "It was about the first historical uprising and Stonewall actually came three years later. A lot of people don't know about that, even in the gay community."

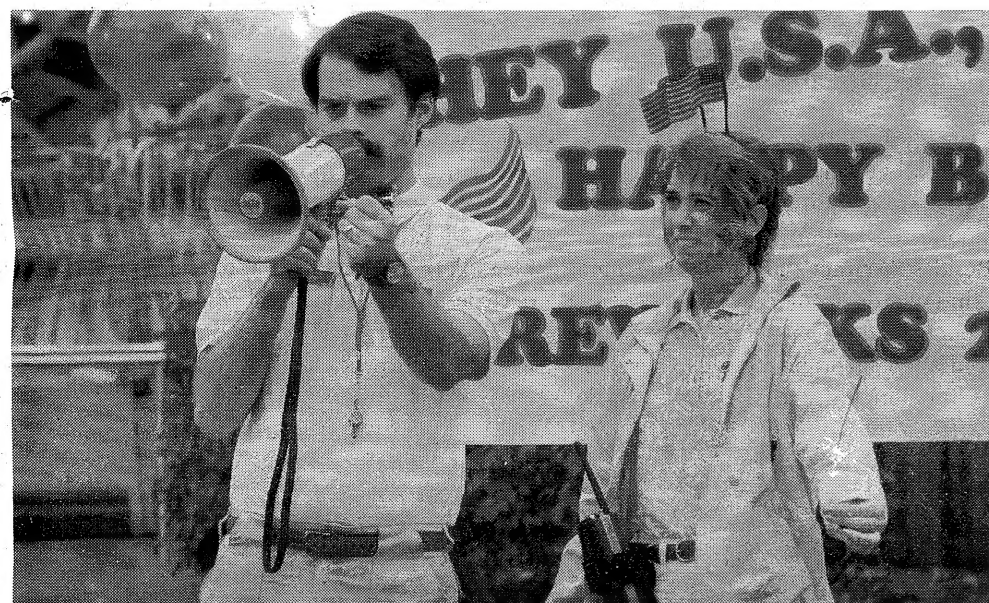
Jack said that the group's main purpose for Pride Week was to get students, faculty and staff to come together and grow.

"It is also important to get the message out that GSO is a resource for everyone at UNO and build community," Jack said.

While it's still a new organization on campus, GSO hopes to continue hosting events that get the Omaha and UNO community involved.

"I think it has been going well," Jack said. "We are learning our lessons as a young agency in respect to providing the necessary and desired programming to the UNO campus; in addition learning logistical lessons like timing and location for programs."

GSO will be partaking in the National Day of Silence on April 17. The event is to bring attention to anti-LGBT harassment, bullying and name-calling. Members will hold a candlelight vigil on the Dodge Street overpass just east of campus from 4 to 5 p.m.



Bill Hader as Bobby and Kristen Wiig as Paulette perform a scene in Miramax Films' comedy "Adventureland." (ABBOT GENSER/MIRAMAX FILMS/MCT)

'Adventureland' more realistic than expected

REVIEW BY
TODD HANSEN
CONTRIBUTOR

At first, "Adventureland" seems like just another R-rated comedy with the usual laughs.

When James Brennan's parents can't afford to send him away to Europe for the summer, he is forced to work as a lowly carnie at a local amusement park. Brennan, played by Jesse Eisenberg, falls for his co-worker Em, played by Kristen Stewart of "Twilight" fame. Their romance is complicated due to her summer-long fling with maintenance guy Mike, played by Ryan Reynolds. But soon, Em falls for Brennan as well.

From this point on, however, "Adventureland" wasn't an obvious or stereotypical teen love story. Instead, the subject matter was grounded in reality and provided an honest telling of what would really happen.

The slapstick-comedy by writer/director Greg Mottola pulled together a strong supporting cast that provides most of the laugh-riot moments. Bill Hader and Kristen Wiig of "Saturday Night Live" fame, play the hilarious park owners. Martin Starr is exceptional as Brennan's pothead co-worker Joel, and Matt Bush is funny as his old childhood friend, Frigo.

But the most honest role in the film is Em's stepmother, played by Mary Birdsong, who captures the small role perfectly. A nervous wreck, Birdsong's character is obsessed with the social scene and building her image. In fact, one of the problems with this film is that she didn't have a bigger role.

Another drawback was the music. The movie was set in 1987, so the 1980s ballads are ones that should be forgotten.

Yet another downside was the fact that Reynolds' character wasn't well developed. He wasn't funny or serious. He seemed to be there to create another obstacle for Brennan.

In spite of all the negative aspects, it may be Mottola's best film to date.

Moviegoers expecting to see another Mottola comedy like "Superbad" should be warned. This is definitely more of a romantic comedy.

It's hard to say how this movie will do at the box office. "Adventureland" has depth beyond the usual sex-joke driven adult comedy. It wasn't predictable, just honest. And while it is doubtful that this film will win any awards, it was a truly exceptional movie you can bring a date to.



Strauss to host renowned dance group

ANDREA BARBE
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

UNO will host the African Culture Connection's first performance of "The Coronation" at the Strauss Performing Arts Center on April 16.

"The Coronation" will feature local artists and several internationally renowned dancers and drummers from Seattle, to Paris and West Africa. The story itself will not be told with words, but with music, dancing and lavish costumes that are designed to educate and entertain audiences.

The African Culture Connection is a non-profit organization made up of professional artists who strive to familiarize the public with African art and heritage through performances across the metro. Co-founder and artistic director Charles

Ahovissi hails from Benin, West Africa, and is an accomplished choreographer, educator, costume designer, drummer and professional dancer. He leads the group and is a teacher through the Nebraska and Iowa Arts Councils.

UNO will host the first of three shows put on by the African Culture Connection. "The Coronation" will kick off on April 16 at UNO's Strauss Performing Arts Center for a 7:30 p.m. performance. Creighton University Lied Education Center for the Arts will hold a 5 p.m. show on April 17, followed by a 5 p.m. show at Iowa Western Community College on April 18. General admission tickets are \$10. Student tickets are \$7. To purchase tickets, visit the Multicultural Affairs Offices at UNO and Creighton or the Arts Center Office at Iowa.

Cuban singer struggles to transfer success

JORDAN LEVIN
McCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

MIAMI (MCT) - In Cuba she was a diva of nueva trova and boleros, a singer with great talent whom songwriters vied to have perform their compositions. And when Xiomara Laugart arrived in the United States in 1998, it seemed she would continue her success - first singing with a prestigious Cuban rumba-fusion project, Deep Rumba, then fronting the hot Cuban-funk band Yerba Buena. More recently, she starred in the off-Broadway musical "Celia: The Life and Music of Celia Cruz."

But Laugart has not had the career or the attention that her earlier success and her talent might have anticipated. Her role in Yerba Buena changed from front-woman to one of three singers. A jewel of a solo album, released in 2006 on tiny Chessky Records, got no promotion or attention.

Laugart says she has no regrets about leaving Cuba, although she acknowledges that it has been a struggle to establish herself in the United States.

"The reality is that living here is really hard, you have to fight, because if you stay in the house you disappear," Laugart said from her New York apartment. "This city changes very fast. If you stay in the house for two days,

it's like you're not here anymore. Here you have to start from zero."

Laugart left Cuba to perform at a festival in Massachusetts and decided to stay. She was brought here by Ileana Padron, a Cuban expatriate in New York who helped bring a number of Cuban artists to the United States. The two women shared Padron's New York apartment, and Padron got Laugart work and introduced her to producer Andres Levin, who put together Yerba Buena. Padron started as a back-up singer in Yerba Buena, but has since emerged as an artist in her own right as Cucu Diamantes, with a new solo album that has received considerable attention.

Juan de Marcos, a renowned Cuban bandleader and producer whose projects include the Buena Vista Social Club and the Afro-Cuban Allstars, calls Laugart the best female singer of her generation in Cuba.

"She has this power the old Cuban divas used to have," Marcos said. "She's a great singer, but she's a Cuban singer, a jazz singer. She cannot get the recognition of a pop diva."

However, Laugart says she remains optimistic.

"We artists are fed by going around the world doing new things," she says. "I am poorer than poor, but I am very lucky because I love my work."

Run-DMC, Metallica among inductees into Rock and Roll Hall of Fame



From left to right, musicians James Hetfield, Lars Ulrich, Robert Trujillo and Kirk Hammett of Metallica attend the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame induction ceremony on April 4 in Cleveland, Ohio. (JASON KEMPIN/WIREIMAGE.COM)

MALCOM X ABRAM
AKRON BEACON JOURNAL

(MCT) - It's been a dozen years since the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame induction ceremony has been in Cleveland much to the chagrin of local music fans.

But Saturday night at Public Hall, Rock Hall foundation bigwig Jann Wenner was forgiven by many when he opened the evening with "the words this city has waited a dozen years to hear: Live From Cleveland, Ohio, it's the 2009 Rock and Roll Hall of Fame induction ceremony!"

The induction ceremony has taken place in Manhattan every year but 1997, but has returned to Cleveland for 2009, and the city has the option to host the ceremony every three years.

Before the start time, fans milled around outside hoping to catch a glimpse of one of the inductees or the many stars that turned out to support their famous friends. In perhaps a nod to the mercurial nature of Cleveland weather, the red-carpet area was a relatively short walk for the famous folk and was covered, making stargazing a

blink and you might miss them pursuit.

But most of the inductees and inductors did take the walk, including record mogul Russell Simmons, inductee Bobby Womack, Red Hot Chili Peppers' bassist Flea, Joe Perry of Aerosmith and Rolling Stone Ronnie Wood.

Inside the hall, the producers kept the show moving at a quick pace, starting promptly at 8 p.m. with Wenner's welcome and moving smoothly into Little Anthony and the Imperials' performance that included "Tears on My Pillow" and others before being inducted by soul legend Smokey Robinson.

One member of the Brooklyn-bred 1950s doo-wop group, which still performs and can boast of three original members, thanked friends and family, and had a suggestion for future induction ceremonies.

"Everything started here in Cleveland, Ohio, and they should keep it here," he said.

That sentiment was echoed by sideman inductee Spooner Oldham.

"I'm glad to be in Cleveland, I'm

happy they're here, maybe they'll stay here," the quiet composer and keyboardist said.

Early influence rockabilly singer Wanda Jackson was inducted by Rosanne Cash and performed rollicking versions of "Mean," "Mean Man" and "Let's Have a Party."

Cleveland-born R&B singer Womack, inducted by Ronnie Wood, said that entering the hall in Cleveland with his 90-year-old mother was a "very spiritual" experience.

"I didn't want to break down upstairs, but it was very rewarding and I think about my mom and I think about my brother and the Womack Brothers on back to the early group The Valentinos, they deserve as much credit as I do," Womack said.

Rapper Eminem inducted Run-DMC, saying accomplishments by the "three kings from Queens" include the "first rap group to go platinum, the first rap group to sell out arenas and the first group to fuse rock and rap."

The trio-rappers Joseph "Run" Simmons and Darryl "DMC" McDaniels and the late DJ Jason "Jam Master Jay" Mizell (who was represented by his mother)-gave entertaining speeches with Jam Master Jay's mother and wife both invoking God, family and the power of music in two of the evening's more emotional moments.

Backstage, the group talked about joining the rock hall and their own naiveté concerning their 1985 "King of Rock" video, which featured the group demanding to be allowed into the rock hall.

"There was no Rock and Roll Hall of Fame," McDaniels said.

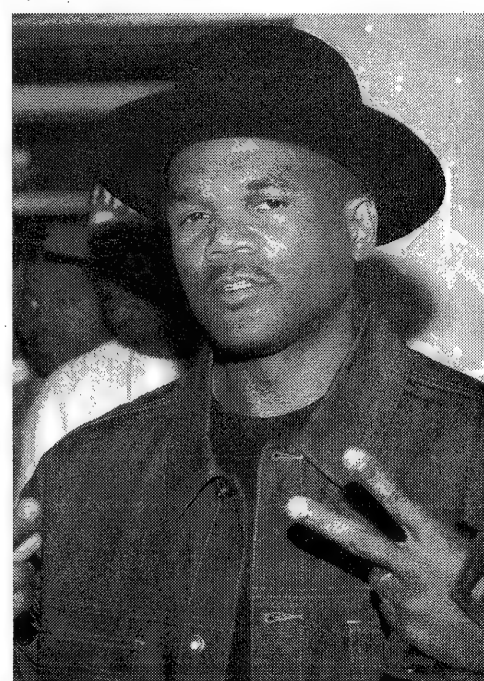
"We were mad, saying, 'They won't let us in,' but there was no rock hall for us to get into so we were dumb not to back then," Simmons said, laughing.

Besides Wenner's opening statement and kind words from the inductees, the ceremony broadcast on the FUSE network featured a few favorable nods to Cleveland and Ohio, including a clip from the 2005 ceremony featuring The Pretenders performing "My City Was Gone" with

Neil Young and loving shots of the city and rock hall.

The final inductees were Metallica, who received a huge ovation from the crowd.

The nattily attired thrash-metal pioneers who inducted six former and current members gave the evening's longest series of speeches before giving the crowd what they wanted with performances of "Master of Puppets" and "Enter Sandman" that rattled the walls and pushed the sound system to its limits.



D of Run-DMC (TIM GRANT/ABACA/MCT)

The evening ended with an all-star jam that included D.J. Fontana, Wanda Jackson, Little Anthony & the Imperials, Womack, Cash, Wood, Oldham and Jeff Beck (wearing a different shirt) all playing a loose rollicking "Jailhouse Rock."

That nod to rock's beginnings was followed by a guitar-laden jam featuring Flea, Perry, Page, Ron Wood and Beck, performing a decidedly heavy version of The Yardbirds' "Train Kept A Rolling" with Metallica as the rhythm section and each of the guitarists taking short, flashy solos and sending fans into the night with ears ringing.



Kelsey Haas looks to connect with the ball during Friday's match. (JODI PENN/THE GATEWAY)



Mary Lausten hits the ball during Friday's match.. (JODI PENN/THE GATEWAY)

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singles wins of the year for Moklestad at No. 1 and junior Kelsey Haas at No. 4.

The team then faced Division I power Creighton University on Tuesday at Hanscom Tennis Center. The Bluejays left the Mavs battered and bruised as they handed out a 7-0 shutout in straight sets.

The Mavs were swept in singles and doubles. The No. 1 doubles team of Faulk and Moklestad fought for a doubles point but ultimately lost 9-7.

The encounter was the fourth for UNO and Creighton, leaving the Mavs 0-for-4 all-time against the Bluejays.

The Mavs then took on another challenge at home, facing Washburn on Friday. Despite the close tie-breaking sets at No. 1 and No. 3 singles, and close match-ups in the doubles competition, UNO was edged out by Washburn, now 3-0 in the MIAA.

UNO is now 7-7, 4-1 in the MIAA.

Faulk and Haas found themselves with a pair of split sets against their Creighton opponents at No. 1 and No. 3

singles, respectively. However, Faulk lost the tiebreaking set 6-3, while Haas lost her tiebreaker 6-2.

Freshmen Heather Hottman and Kelsie Olson were responsible for UNO's only singles points, at No. 4 and No. 5, respectively.

As doubles play began, UNO was down 4-2. Moklestad and Faulk put UNO in contention for victory with their 8-6 No. 1 doubles win, but Washburn dashed those dreams with an 8-6 win at No. 2 doubles over Hottman and freshman Samantha Thomas of UNO, despite an 8-2 win at No. 3 doubles for UNO's Haas and freshman Mary Lausten.

The loss dropped the Mavs to 7-7 overall, 3-1 in the MIAA.

The Mavs return to the court tomorrow to face another D-I program, Iowa State University at 5 p.m. at the Koch Tennis Center. The match was added at the last minute, but it is a good opportunity to challenge the team's abilities, Coach Bill Nichols said.

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April Calendar of Events

ANDREA BARBE
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COURTESY OF UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS

April 7 – Renowned artist Martinez Celaya visits UNO to give a public lecture at the Collaboration Commons in the College of Public Affairs and Community Service Building. The presentation starts at 6 p.m., and is free and open to the public.

April 8 – Fancy Party Comedy presents “Recessed,” a stand-up, themed comedy routine featuring Omaha comedians. Tickets are \$5 at the door. The show starts at 9 p.m.



COURTESY OF LEMONFRESHDAY.COM

April 10 – The Ozone Lounge, located at 7220 F Street, hosts local cover band Lemon Fresh Day on back-to-back nights. Both shows start at 8:30 p.m.



COURTESY OF MYSPACE.COM/OFFICIALKEVINHART

April 11 – Comedy Central comedian Kevin Hart comes to the Holland Performing Arts Center’s Kiewit Concert Hall. The show also features DeRay Davis and Corey Holcomb of HBO’s Def Comedy Jam fame, and is hosted by Deva Mack. For tickets to this 7:30 p.m. show, call 345-0606.

April 11 – Jack’s Mannequin brings a taste of California piano rock to Sokol Auditorium. Matt Nathanson and Low vs. Diamond will open this 7:30 p.m. show. Tickets are \$29.99 and can be purchased through Ticketmaster.



COURTESY OF JACKSMANNEQUIN.COM

April 11 – UNO’s Wellness Stampede and Women’s Resource Center will host a two-hour, self-defense class at 9 a.m. Eliss Hall, a UNO student who is a fifth-degree black belt, will teach the class, which is free for all UNO students. To register, call 554-2539.

April 12 – NEO 15, located at 1507 Farnam St., kicks off “Live Jazz Sundays” from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. every Sunday. For more information, visit neol5.com.



COURTESY OF DEATHCABFORCUTIE.COM

April 13 – Grammy-nominated indie rock band Death Cab for Cutie, along with Cold War Kids and Ra Ra Riot, perform at the Kiewit Concert Hall in the Holland Performing Arts Center. The concert begins at 8 p.m.

April 15 – Opera Omaha presents “La Boheme” at the Orpheum Theater. This classic Italian opera has two other performances on April 17 and April 19. To purchase tickets, call the box office at 345-0606.



COURTESY OF ROBBIE JONES

April 16 – UNO Theatre opens “A Midsummer Night’s Dream” in the Weber Fine Arts Building. The show will run through April 26.

April 16 – The Rose Theater’s Teens ‘N’ Theater kicks off their ninth production of “Broken Mirror.” Tickets are \$6 and can be purchased by calling the box office at 345-4849. Be sure to pick up a copy of the April 10 issue of the Gateway to learn more about this show.

April 16 – The UNO Multicultural Affairs Office shows “The Coronation,” an African story told through traditional dancing and drumming. This event kicks off at 7:30 p.m. in the Strauss Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7 for students.

April 16 – Missouri rhythm and blues group The Bel Airs perform at Murphy’s Lounge. The show kicks off at 5:30 p.m.

April 17 – UNO’s jazz bands will perform live music from the Big Band era in the Milo Bail Student Center Ballroom. The concert starts at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 554-2177.

April 17 – The Omaha Community Playhouse presents “Moonlight and Magnolias” on their main stage. Performances include evening and matinee shows that will run through May 10.



COURTESY OF MYSPACE.COM/POMEROY

April 17 – Kansas City rap-rock band Pomeroy plays the Waiting Room Lounge at 9 p.m. Tickets are \$13.

April 19 – “A Breath of Fresh Art,” a benefit event to help raise money for UNO theatre alumna Lara Marsh’s double-lung transplant surgery expenses, kicks off at 2 p.m. A performance, art exhibit and silent auction will all be included. The College of Communication, Fine Arts and Media is hosting the event. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit abreathoffreshart.com or call 554-2238.

April 22 – The Slowdown presents “Taste for the Cure,” a local beer tasting event. Admission is \$15 at the door for those ages 21 and over. Proceeds will benefit the Leukemia Lymphoma Society.

April 24 – Lauritzen Gardens hosts a tree planting ceremony in honor of Arbor Day and Lois Roskens, who contributed to the development of the gardens, as well as UNO. The ceremony begins at 11:30 a.m.



COUTRESY OF MYSPACE.COM/CHRISSAUBMUSIC

April 28 – Local musician Chris Saub plays at the Ozone Lounge. The concert runs from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Seven ways 'ER' changed TV in 15 years

VERNE GAY
NEWSDAY

(MCT) - Some shows change TV, and some change lives. Then, there are a few - very few - that actually accomplish both.

As "ER" came to an end after 15 seasons, here are seven ways NBC's extraordinary medical drama made a difference.

"ER" is the last holdout of NBC's "must-see TV" Thursday lineup. By the mid-1980s, NBC's Thursday had become national appointment TV, with roughly a third of viewers who were watching at 10 p.m. tuning in to "Hill Street Blues," then "L.A. Law" and finally "ER," which bowed in 1994, the same season as "Friends."

There are still major hits on TV ("American Idol" anyone?), though none of quite the magnitude of "ER," which, during its sophomore season, came close to commanding nearly half the TV households a couple of times. Moreover, no show now on TV - with the exception of "60 Minutes" - is so closely identified with a specific time period.

"ER" was one of TV's first major dramas to incorporate densely accurate medical jargon. Noah Wyle was on "Ellen" the other day, and at the prompting of the host, he recited a long string of medical terms that would have fractured the jaw of the average mortal. Accurate? It always was. "ER" had doctors on the writing staff - including co-executive producer Neal Baer, just finishing up at Harvard Medical School, and Lance Gentile, who also was an emergency-room doctor - to craft the medical stories.

(Creator Michael Crichton was, of course, a doctor before he became a superstar movie scribe.)

Lydia Woodward, one of "ER's" original producers - who had written for network classics such as "China Beach" and "St. Elsewhere" - says it "was very novel to speak medical-ese on a TV show, and so much of it." Gentile recorded the actors' dialogue on cassettes so they could listen on the way to work. As a result, Woodward says, they "got very, very good at it and I think we all began to understand something about medicine."

"That," she says with a laugh, "was a huge mistake because half the time we didn't know anything."

"ER" had a profound effect on the way people viewed their own health. Medical dramas like "Dr. Kildare" were pillars of prime time for decades until "ER" arrived, but this show probably had a greater impact on the way viewers thought of their own health than any of its predecessors. Baer, now an executive producer on "Law & Order: SVU," says, "We found that one out of seven people who watched 'ER' actually went to their health care provider after they watched something on the show, which made us feel that we had a responsibility to represent material accurately and not make false promises."

The show was later instrumental as a springboard for "Hollywood, Health & Society," a program created by the USC Annenberg Norman Lear Center for show-biz scribes to get their medical facts right for story lines.

"ER" changed the way the medical profession viewed itself. "Not too long after the show started, applications to emergency residency programs just skyrocketed it became one of the most coveted residency programs in the country," says Dr. Mark Hoornstra, director of the department of emergency medicine, and president and chief executive of Nassau Emergency Medicine at St. Francis Hospital in Roslyn. He adds that the show was a "cathartic" outlet of sorts, as well. "The emergency department is such an intense place that even physicians who pride themselves on being able to bond empathetically with their patients have to pull back a lot" emotionally. "You can maybe indulge that when you see it on TV." With "ER," he adds, he did.

"ER" changed the whole structure of the medical drama. Woodward says that when John Wells, the show's longtime top producer, showed her the pilot script, "I didn't get it. 'ER' was brand-new. We would bring the patient through the door and five minutes later, you'd never see that patient again." She adds, "It's a little bit of what 'Hill Street' did to the cop genre."

Multiple story threads - some tied up by hour's end, some left untied - gave the show energy and a sense that real life isn't always resolved by the last commercial break.


"ER" embraced the steadicam, which changed the look of prime time. Remember those whirling vertiginous opening scenes, as the camera slid effortlessly from one face to the next face to the next face? Or those stunning



David Lyons, left, rehearses a confrontation scene with Coburn Goss while filming for the last episode of ER in Chicago on Jan. 30. (BONNIE TRAFLET/CHICAGO/TRIBUNE.MCT)

operating-room scenes that seemed to embrace every detail, emotion and crisis in one effortless sweep? That was the "steadicam," an "ER" fixture as much as George Clooney or Anthony Edwards. The steadicam - used widely on the big screen but not on the small - was to become a fixture of "The West Wing's" walk-and-talk sequences. "The big star was the steadicam," Baer says. "It ... allowed us to run with the doctors."

"ER" made George Clooney an A-list star but no one else. Not so surprising, really, when you consider TV history. Yes, Denzel Washington came out of "St. Elsewhere," but there probably are only a dozen or so superstars (Bruce Willis, Clint Eastwood, Sally Field, Will Smith, Tom Hanks) who got their start on TV; in fact, "ER's" specialty was the ensemble - a tight band of brothers and sisters who worked splendidly together, yet proved less than the sum of their parts when they drifted to other shows. "ER's" ability to bring in so many other memorable characters in later years (played by Alex Kingston, Paul McCrane, Goran Visnjic, Linda Cardellini, Angela Bassett) contributed to its longevity. Ensembles have always been part of television, though relatively few survived (or were designed to survive) the departure of the marquee name. "ER" outlasted Clooney by nearly a decade.



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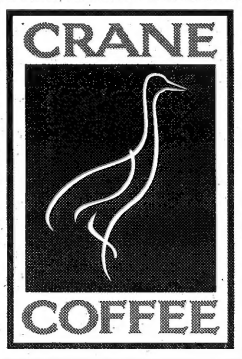
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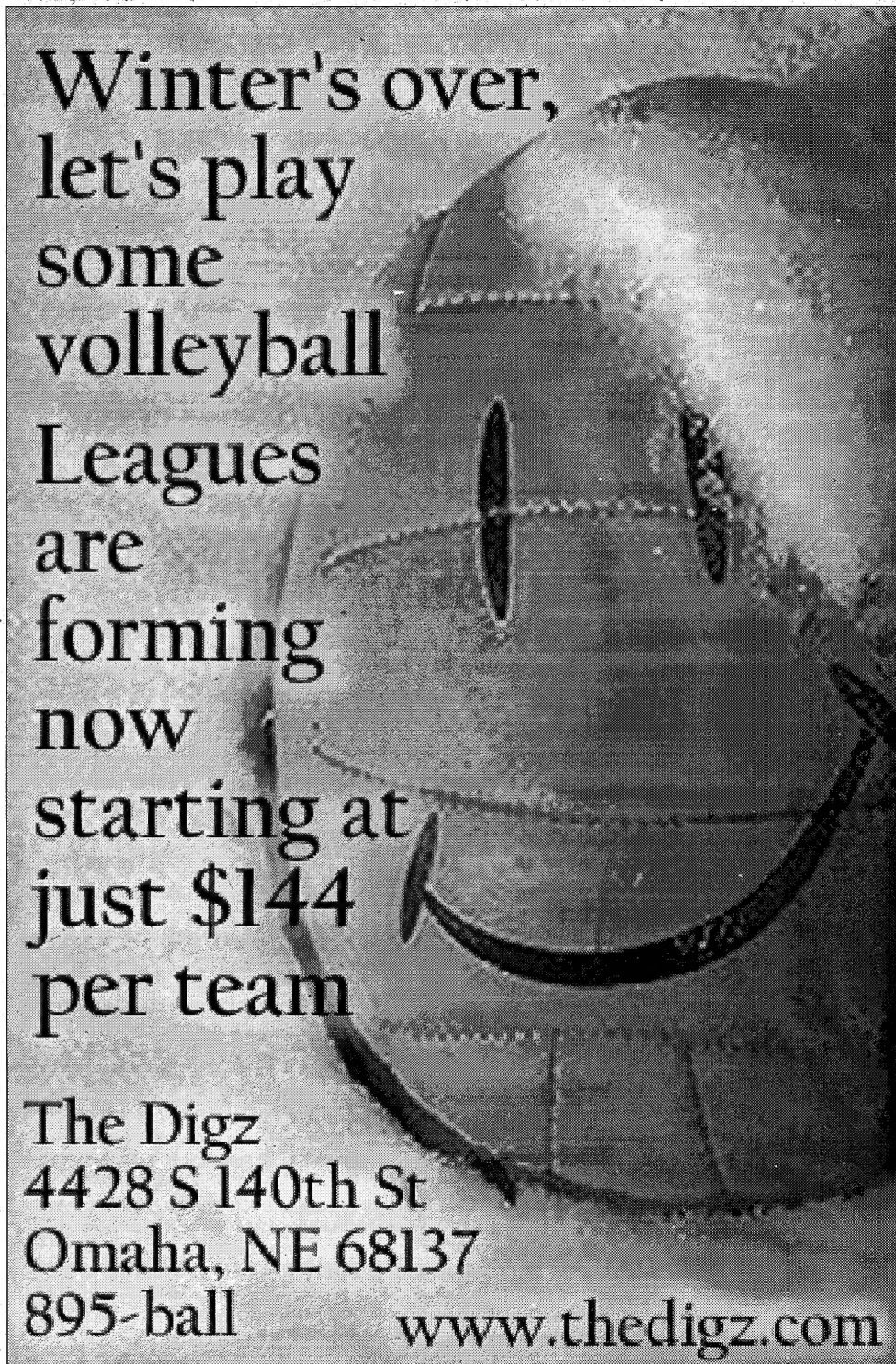
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Combating alcohol issues requires new culture, law, policy

Sinister Slant



Scott Stewart

Three weeks ago, I argued that UNO should adopt a good Samaritan alcohol policy similar to the one at UNL, which immunizes students who request help for alcohol poisoning from being written up by the campus judicial system.

While such a policy is a good idea for public health and safety, I am increasingly of the

opinion that society should consider whether the policies prohibiting alcohol on campus and the federal mandate setting the drinking age at 21 should be repealed.

Rather than rehash all of the statistics and arguments on both sides of these issues, let me just summarize what has led me to this conclusion. A fuller examination of the issues is certainly in order, which is the point of this column, but would require a dialogue rather than the one-way communication of the mass media.

It is certainly true that alcohol is a leading public health risk on college campuses, with alcohol being involved in as many as nine out of every 10 rapes on college campuses nationally and Nebraska college students are experiencing a problem with alcohol at an average of just under once a month. More than 1,700 college students die annually from alcohol-related incidents.

Nevertheless, the cause of many problems is that the taboo placed on alcohol consumption drives up interest in the substance. This often leads to its abuse behind closed doors. Minors are forced to keep things hidden from others in order to not face judicial repercussions for drinking.

Of course, the obvious rejoinder is to say minors could just not drink. This argument is no more valid today than it was during Prohibition, though, and public health policy that does not take into consideration how people actually behave is doomed to inadequacy.

While legalizing alcohol consumption for minors, or at least permitting alcohol use on campus, would certainly increase access to alcohol, this increased access diminishes the appeal of any given opportunity to drink for many people.

Rather than seize the opportunity to party, and party hard, when such opportunities present themselves – a roommate throwing a party with liquor, for instance – increased access to alcohol allows a choice of when and when not to drink. There would be nothing special about it anymore, which would diminish its appeal.

Permitting alcohol on campus and alcohol consumption by minors also removes a lot of the dishonesty surrounding alcohol use and abuse. Currently, residences in the dorms can't be honest with their residence assistants or neighbors about using alcohol, meaning they can't reach out for help in the event of problems without facing repercussions.

Worse, Campus Security becomes the bad guy, spending much of its time and resources in punitive pursuits rather than constructively contributing to safety on campus. People feel less trusting of authority, and as a result authority is less able to help people when it really counts.

Lower drinking ages and increased public acceptance of alcohol use work well in other countries, and the reason for this is the difference in cultures.

American culture is too concerned with alcohol, perhaps because intoxication provides an excuse to "go crazy" and ignore other social mores, particularly those involving sex.

Ultimately, the country's culture just needs to grow up.

People have sex – I want to use a different expression there, but "decency" guidelines say I shouldn't – and people drink. It's only a big deal when it goes overboard and when it becomes unsafe.

The best way to reduce alcohol-related incidents is to realize they will never be eliminated and prohibitions only entice members of an otherwise uptight culture. Take away the taboo surrounding alcohol, and its appeal plummets. So will its usage.

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Thinking outside of the bus

Why is it that a large portion of our student base drives an automobile to campus each and every day? It seems that on our campus, and in Omaha, the only way to get around is by auto. I want to change that.

Now, all of you are expecting quite a rant about why you should pedal a bike: for the environment, to save money, yada yada yada. But the truth is, it's not just about the bike (Sorry Lance).

I'm willing to bet most of the students and faculty drive alone to campus every day. Which is fine and dandy, but interaction with people makes life quite a bit more enjoyable. Why not start carpooling with a few friends and grabbing coffee and baked goods on the commute in? I'm sure all of you have seen signs about Metro Rideshare and Craigslist ads about carpooling. Organize something around your neck of the woods by starting a Facebook page for commuting. If it can work for planning parties and events with adult beverages, it can work for carpooling.

Another option in the family tree of transportation is taking Metro Area Transit buses. The bus gives people versatility. You can pedal to the bus stop and throw your bike on a rack, or walk to school and take the bus back home. Many of my cohorts do this. It's a good option for anyone new to bicycle commuting or when the weather turns ugly.

You can jog to school, emulating Loudon from the classic '80s flick "Vision Quest." I've tried it, and trust

me, it's a hoot and a half to pass cars stuck in traffic just by placing one foot in front of the other.

I realize the bus seems to take forever, and you have to do your homework to figure out how to get from point A to point B. But help is on the way with the first annual YP Bus Challenge. Starting April 18 on Earth Day, and ending on May 9, the three-week challenge asks individuals to form teams of five and ride the bus as much as possible.

Challenge organizers also hope to gain feedback about MAT, encouraging individuals to comment about the current system even if they do not wish to normally ride. Some issues that have been raised are bus routes, implementation of longer hours and a new advertising agenda.

The YP Bus Challenge hopes to ride the coattails of success from the Commuter Cycling Challenge and give Omahans yet another reason to leave their autos in the driveway. I strongly encourage all of you out there in Maverick Land to get that posse together and take the bus to bars, coffee

shops and school.

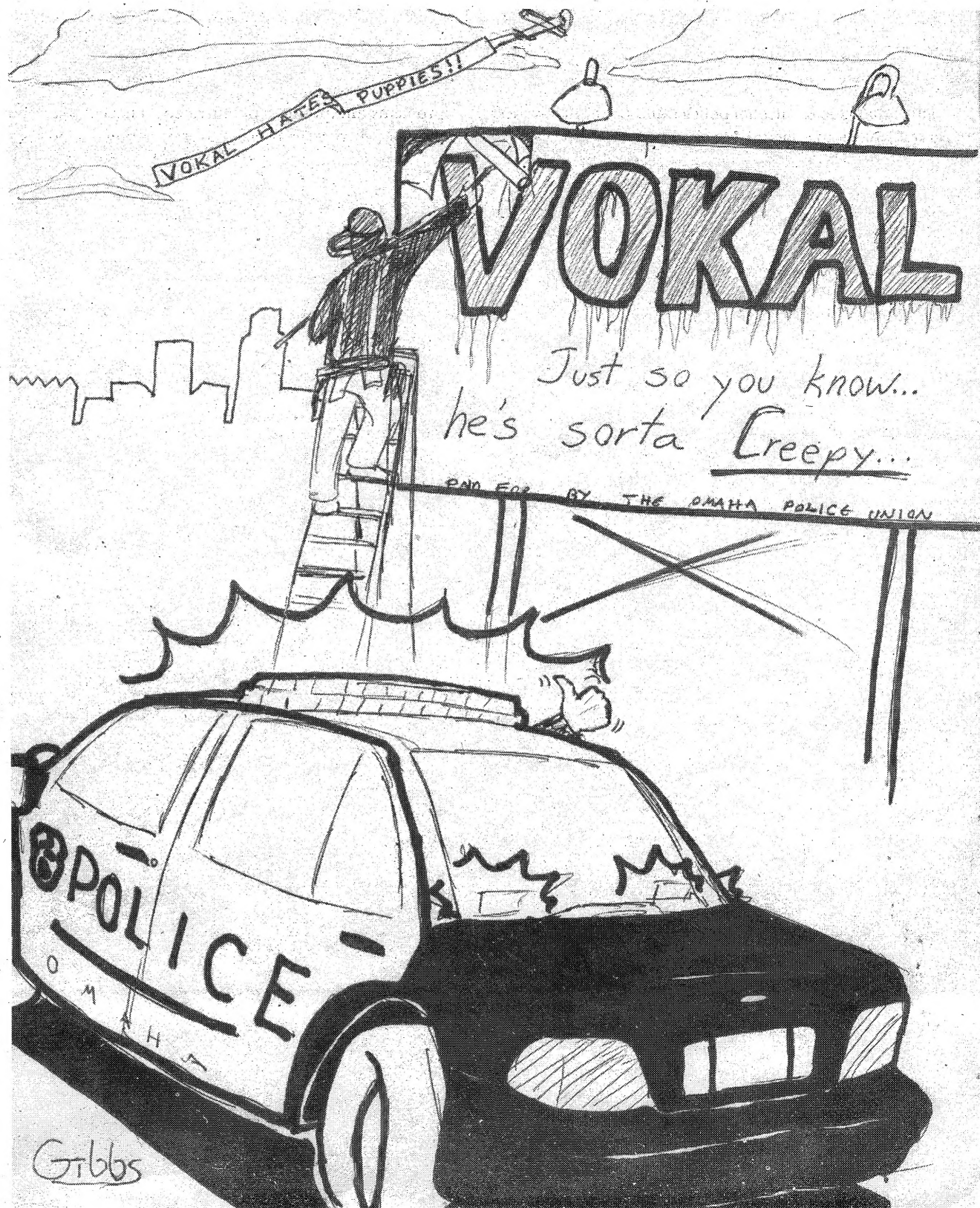
It's wonderful to do things that are different and often perceived as crazy or off the wall. That's what makes life worth living, isn't it? The spirit of adventure in a concrete jungle. Who says that kind of thing should only be reserved for backcountry expeditions to the coast or mountains?

You can feel the spirit of adventure each and every day. Yes, it's not the same photo-quality views, but it's all what you make of it.

Go Places



Eric Brunt



Civil rights restored: thank you, Iowa! Higher tax is reason to reduce, quit smoking

I've never understood some Nebraskans' disdain for Iowa. There is that famous acronym about idiots wandering around outdoors. And, there is a Facebook group that wants to eliminate Iowa from the planet so the Midwest can have an ocean.

But now, I think it's time the naysayers shut up for awhile.

Starting April 29, gay couples from all over America will converge on Iowa to pledge their true love for one another. In a stunningly monumental decision, the Iowa Supreme Court has legalized gay marriage. The ruling will take effect later this month.

Of the plains states, Iowa has always seemed like that smart older brother who catches on quicker than everyone else in the family. More than 10 years ago, the state built its first wind turbine. Now, a long stretch of central Iowa boasts wind farms in all directions. Giant, white pinwheels revolve dreamily in the cornfields as symbols of an evolving nation.

And, of course, this.

Besides being an obvious testament to equal rights, the ruling will prove a boon to Iowa's economy. The state can expect to bring in about \$50 million in added tourism, according to a UCLA study. Some gay couples may move permanently to Iowa, which would further boost the economy and circumvent any residency clauses that could be enacted to dissuade out-of-towners from marrying there.

Omaha could see some ancillary benefit, too, with visiting couples crossing the river to take advantage of our city's cultural prospects. Prospects that, in a weird paradox, say, "Yes, you're welcome here," and "No, you can't be yourself here."

State Rep. Steve King, R-Iowa, said he thinks the ruling will backfire - that businesses and people who wanted to move to Iowa will now go somewhere else because of it. Well, I say, good riddance to bad rubbish. Those rotten apples are the

equivalent of businesses and people who, back in the 1960s, wouldn't move somewhere because the state in question protected interracial marriage.

This is America. No law can forbid someone from doing anything simply because it doesn't fit within the confines of some religion. That's called separation of church and state, baby. In America, you can't tell someone they can't eat meat, have premarital sex, or marry the person of their choosing just because a religion thinks it's naughty. In America, if two consenting adults love each other, there is absolutely no reason why they should not get married.

Sadly, a California-style gay marriage ban could still be passed. This would amend the state constitution to shackle the definition of marriage to a Christian perspective, which, if you know anything about America, is constitutionally impossible. Thankfully, such an amendment wouldn't even be possible until 2011 or 2012. If Iowa knows what's good for it and for the rest of the nation, that amendment would fail.

Should the need arise, I think I might

move to Council Bluffs just to vote on this one issue. I suggest a lot of us do likewise. A year in the Bluffs can't hurt. It's quiet, near Omaha and I hear there's a school named in honor of my number one man-crush, Abraham Lincoln.

Speaking of which, if I was alive 150 years ago, I would totally marry Mr. Lincoln. Mary Todd be damned. He was tall, dark, handsome and incredibly intelligent, all qualities I look for in a hypothetical gay relationship. You know what? I would make such a great First Gentleman, playing banjo in the Oval Office for my lovely Abe.

Abe, baby, we're moving in the right direction. Thanks for laying the foundation with your Emancipation Proclamation and Gettysburg Address, even if you did do some pretty questionable things regarding habeas corpus during the Civil War. America will yet see equality for all, and in my lifetime, too.

Told You So



Tom McCauley

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The first step - as has been pointed out by the proponents of the Amethyst Initiative among others - is a public dialogue on alcohol policies and their effectiveness. A good Samaritan policy is a good idea, and larger-scale policy

reforms are even better ideas.

Together, society can accomplish much to reduce alcohol problems and promote public safety. This can only happen, though, when we've decided to start acting like adults.

The following McClatchy-Tribune News Service editorial appeared in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch on Thursday, April 2

(MCT) - Smokers began paying dramatically higher prices Wednesday. The federal cigarette tax jumped by 62 cents a pack on Wednesday to \$1.01. Levies on other tobacco products also rose.

Obviously, smokers are upset. But this is an excellent opportunity to do what most tobacco users consistently say they want to do: quit smoking.

About seven in 10 smokers say they want to stop smoking, and with good reason. People who do significantly reduce their risk of dying prematurely.

They also reduce the risk of harming others around them - especially children - with their smoke. Children raised with a smoker have much higher rates of asthma, as well as more frequent and more severe respiratory infections.

Because money raised by the higher cigarette tax will fund health care for poor children, many smokers say they're being forced to subsidize services for others. But the truth is that the rest of us subsidize them. We've been doing it for years.

Even with higher federal taxes, smokers don't come close to covering the costs they impose on society.

In the United States, the direct medical cost of tobacco-related illness - what we pay for doctors, hospitals, surgery and extras like oxygen - is nearly \$97 billion a year. The cost to Medicare is about \$19 billion, while Medicaid programs shell out about \$31 billion.

No other preventable cause of illness and death - not drinking, obesity or even illegal drug use - comes close to the toll inflicted by tobacco. It kills nearly 440,000 Americans every year and sickens millions more.

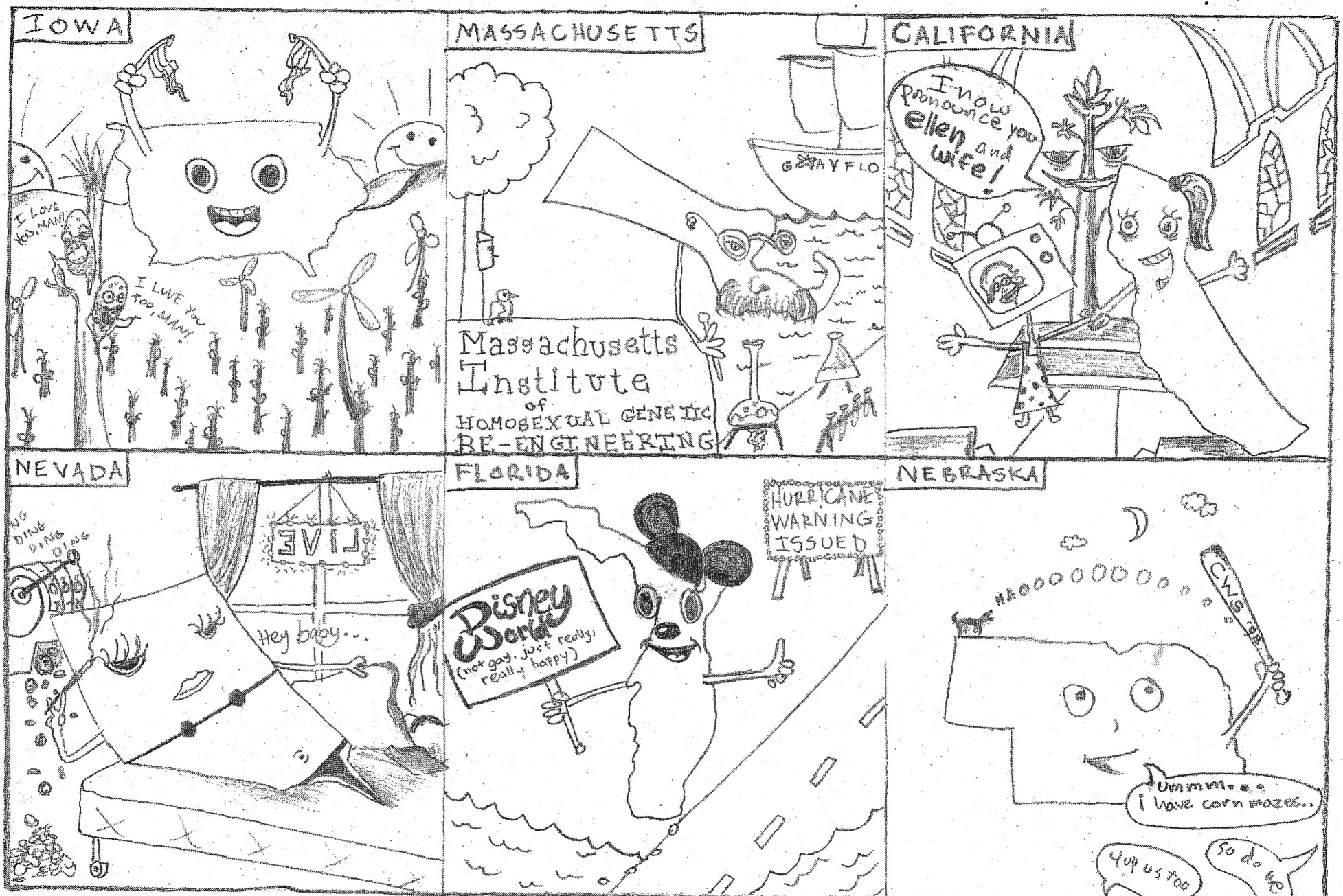
Of course, most smokers already are aware of those grim statistics. What they don't know is how to stop.

Research shows that the most successful tobacco cessation starts with advice and counseling from your doctor. Physicians can prescribe drugs, Zyban and Chantix, that reduce cravings for cigarettes.

Nicotine-replacement products also can reduce withdrawal symptoms. They're available over the counter at drug and discount stores.

People who get support and counseling also improve the odds of successfully quitting. They're offered at many

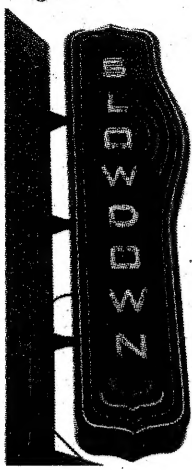
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May's cafe will be on May 5 with Kendra Schmid speaking on "The Science of Attractiveness" at 7 p.m. at The Slowdown, 729 N. 14th St. David Crouse will present on "The Science of Regenerative Medicine" on June 2.



"Both of our speakers are young doctors who I think are going to be great with this crowd," Gerard said of Feloney and Schmid.

The cafes last about an hour, with the scientist giving a brief presentation followed by a question-and-answer period. Pizza will be provided for the first 50 people by the Nebraska Coalition of Lifesaving Cures.

The Science Cafes are part of an effort by UNMC and other groups to increase the population's science literacy.

"A public armed with facts and understanding of science is better able to appreciate and apply scientific advances and to vote knowledgeably on ballot issues and initiatives related to science," said James Turpen, the leader of the science literacy team. "As the state's academic health sciences center, it's natural for us to be among the leading proponents for science literacy in Nebraska."

The cafes specifically target the young professional crowd, focusing on ages 21 through 40, Gerard said. UNMC thought The Slowdown was a fitting, well-known venue for the events.

For more information, contact Gerard at 559-4319 or visit the program's Web site, unmc.edu/sciencecafe.

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local hospitals, as well as by voluntary health groups like the American Lung Association and the American Cancer Society. Both groups also offer free online resources.

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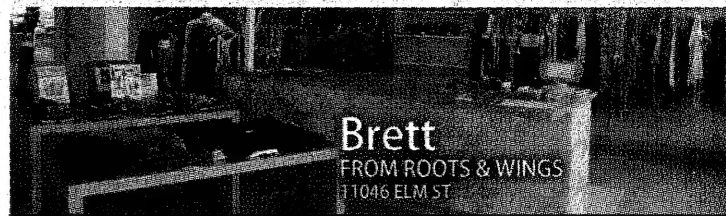
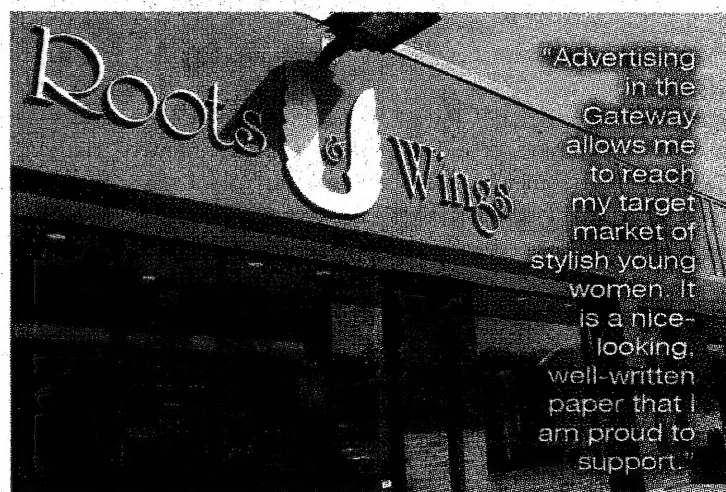


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